

Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council June 2014 - October 2014

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. The mandate that created the Office of Health Equity (OHE), housed within CDPH, requires the office and Task Force to work collaboratively to advance health equity in California. This update report shares highlights of Task Force work for the period of activity from June through October of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC.

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- The HiAP Task Force held its **fall quarterly meeting** on September 3rd. Task Force members used the meeting to review commitments and finalize language for the Active Transportation action plan and identify priority topics for future exploration, pending available resources.
- Between August and September, HiAP staff conducted **annual one-on-one meetings** with sixteen out of twenty-two HiAP Task Force member organizations. These meetings provide an opportunity for Task Force members and staff to stay informed of each organization's current priorities and goals, touch base on existing projects, explore emerging opportunities for collaboration, and discuss any barriers that have been encountered.
- The HiAP Task Force has created a new 2014 **Active Transportation** action plan, which represents significant commitments to advancing active transportation infrastructure, policy, and safety. This plan was created through a collaborative effort between more than fifteen government agencies and departments, with input from a variety of community stakeholders, and has been approved by the Task Force. The action plan includes a wide variety of collaborative commitments and specific action steps to promote active transportation over the next two years. Please see the plan itself for more details.
- HiAP staff partnered with the Local Government Commission to hold public input sessions and create a **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design** Guidebook for community planners. The guidebook is currently under review and is anticipated to be released within the year.
- Promoting **Access to Healthy Food** remains a priority for the Task Force. HiAP staff are collaborating with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Education, and CDPH to explore creating a new scope of work for the Farm-to-fork Office. The HiAP staff team also placed a graduate intern within the Farm-to-Fork office to execute projects related to improving the availability of locally grown food in the school environment.
- HiAP staff and Task Force members will collaborate with the Office of Planning and Research to conduct outreach to stakeholders once the updated **General Plan Guidelines** are ready for public comment.

Highlights of infrastructure and capacity development for the Task Force:

- Several Task Force representatives are engaged in the SGC's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Work Group and Steering Committee, and are bringing their expertise in HiAP and co-benefits to the development of program guidelines and processes.

- The OHE Advisory Committee includes one HiAP Task Force representative, who serves as a liaison between the Task Force and the OHE strategic planning and implementation process.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

- The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California, and staff frequently receive requests for presentations. For example, staff:
 - Facilitated a roundtable discussion on Health in All Policies during the National Network of Public Health Institute's (NNPHI) 2014 conference in New Orleans in June
 - Gave an update on the Task Force to the County Health Executives Association of California in Sacramento in August, and
 - Gave a presentation on HiAP to the Reforming States Group of the Milbank Memorial Fund in Chicago, also in August.
- The Institute of Medicine just released a report "Applying a Health Lens to Decision Making in Non-Health Sectors - Workshop Summary," which includes a summary of a presentation made in September 2013 by Dr. Connie Mitchell and Dr. Linda Rudolph on HiAP and the California Task Force.
- CDPH cited the HiAP Task Force's active transportation recommendations as part of their successful case to secure resources to pilot an employee bicycle sharing program.

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